

Operation Sindoor unveiled: JKPS Kunjwani hosts Defence Talk by Brig (Retd) Sukhdev Singh



Brigadier (Retd) Sukhdev Singh delivering talk on Operation Sindoor - India's swift and strategic retaliation against a heinous terror attack in Pahalgam at JK Public School Kunjwani.

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JAMMU: JK Public School, Kunjwani, had the honour of hosting Brigadier (Retd) Sukhdev Singh for an impactful session on Operation Sindoor - India's swift and strategic retaliation against a heinous terror attack in Pahalgam. Held at the Nelsum Millennium Hall, the session aimed to sensitize the students and staff to the harsh realities of terrorism and the resolute measures taken by India's defence forces.

The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore, who introduced the distinguished guest. He presented a brief yet illustrious profile of Brig. Singh, highlighting his remarkable 44-year-long service in the Indian Army, including his tenure as the Brigade Commander of the 26 Artillery Brigade. Post-retirement, Brig. Singh served as the Director of JK Educational Society for eight

years, during which he steered the institution towards remarkable milestones and unparalleled glory. The dignitaries gracing the occasion included Shashi Chaudhary, Director, JK Educational Society; Roopinder Kaur, Vice Principal; Inderjeet Kaur, School Coordinator; Anju Raj, Preparatory Wing Coordinator; and Shivangni Pandotra, Toddlers' World Coordinator, along with faculty members of JKPS.

Brigadier Singh delivered a gripping account of Pakistan's continued sponsorship of terrorism across the borders, recounting the Pulwama, Uri, and the recent Pahalgam attacks. Describing the April 22, 2025, Pahalgam incident, he revealed chilling details of how 26 innocent lives were lost in a brutal, religion-based massacre by Pakistan-backed militants. He described Operation Sindoor as a powerful and necessary "celebration of justice," highlighting India's

tactical and restrained response aimed at precise, non-escalatory strikes. He elaborated on India's firm diplomatic measures - including the revocation of visas for Pakistani nationals, closure of the Attari-Wagah border, and suspension of the Indus Water Treaty - while underlining the role of intelligence and local support in such attacks. Through compelling visuals and firsthand narratives, Brig. Singh showcased targeted airstrikes and

applauded the Indian Armed Forces for their professionalism and resolve during crisis. Urging the educated citizens to verify facts before forming opinions, he stated with a cautionary reflection on the far-reaching consequences of war and a call for national unity: "Everything we have is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth." The session concluded with a collective expression of deep admiration for the valiant

Indian Armed Forces, whose unwavering courage, unmatched discipline, and strategic brilliance safeguarded the nation's sovereignty. Brig. Singh also shed light on India's growing military prowess - including the deployment of advanced technological warfare, a robust air defence system, and indigenous marvels like the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile and the Akash-Ter air defence interceptor. These cutting-edge innovations not only

serve as a deterrent to hostile forces but also reinforce India's position as a formidable force committed to peace, preparedness, and national pride. The session left a profound impact on the audience, deepening their awareness of national security and instilling pride in the courage and clarity of India's armed forces. An elaborate vote of thanks was proposed by Tina Narula, followed by a soulful singing of the National anthem.

Utkarsh Gupta to represent India in 1st Juniors Roll Ball World Cup 2025 in Kenya

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JAMMU: In a proud moment for Jammu & Kashmir sports, Utkarsh Gupta, son of Richa Gupta and Neeraj Gupta, a promising young talent from Jammu, has been officially selected to represent Team India at the 1st Juniors Roll Ball World Cup 2025, set to take place in Kenya. Organized by the International Roll Ball Federation (IRBF), the 1st Juniors World Cup is a prestigious global tournament that brings together the best young athletes from across the world to compete in this dynamic, fast-paced sport.



held at Indore M.P from May 17 to 22, 2025. Utkarsh Gupta, 16 years, has consistently demonstrated exceptional skill, dedication, and sportsmanship in the field of Roll Ball. A student of MHAC Nagbani School Jammu, he has earned accolades at various state and national championships, and now takes a major step forward by earning a coveted spot on the national team. Speaking about the selec-

tion, Utkarsh Gupta said, "It's a dream come true to wear the Indian jersey and compete at the world level. I am deeply thankful to my coaches, parents, and mentors who supported me throughout my journey." "We are incredibly proud of Utkarsh Gupta and confident in their ability to perform on the international stage," said Madhu Sharma, Head Coach of the Indian Roll Ball Junior Team. The Jammu & Kashmir Roll Ball Association congratulated Utkarsh Gupta on this remarkable achievement and extended best wishes for a successful tournament in Kenya. Before Departing for Kenya he will attend a preparatory Coaching Camp at Pune from June 6. Team will leave Nairobi, Kenya on June 21, 2025.

Punjab wrestler Chota Gani lifts 5th Talwara Dangal title

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KATRA: Wrestler Chota Gani of Hossiarpur in Punjab lifted 5th Talwara Dangal Title 2024 by defeating Wrestler Sandeep of Jallander in Punjab in the first main bout that lasted for 6 minutes.



President JKISWA Shiv Kumar Sharma with winner wrestler.

Winner Chota Gani was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 31,000 while runner-up Sandeep got cash prize of Rs. 20,000. Dangal Committee Talwara organized annual Vishal Dangal in association with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association under the overall supervision of Jagdev Singh (President) and Gain Chand (General Secretary). Former Joint Secretary J&K State Sports council and President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association, Shiv Kumar Sharma was the chief

Guest on the occasion, who gave away cash prizes of Rs. 2,75,000 to the winners and runner-up wrestlers. Former BDC Chairman Mohd Rafiq, Ex Sarpanch Kewal Singh and Ex. Sarpanch Ravi Kumar were the Guests of Honour. In total, 65 bouts were

played. Second main bout was fought between wrestler Upkar Pandit, Akhara Ram Avtar Gurgoan and wrestler Surjit of J&K Police resident of Narkote Reasi. This bout ended in a draw that lasted for 21 minutes. Cash prize of Rs. 20,000 was jointly given to both the wrestlers.

Third bout was won by Madan Singh of Reasi who defeated wrestler Sourav, Akhara Ram Avtar Gurgoan. Winner Madan Singh was cash awarded with Rs. 10,000 while runner-up got Rs. 8,000. Another third bout was won by Munner of J&K Police who defeated Yuv Raj of Akhnoor. Winner Munner was cash awarded with Rs. 10,000 while runner-up Yuv Raj got Rs. 8,000. Fourth bout was won by Sanjay of J&K Police who defeated Babba of Kot Bhawal, Jammu. Fifth bout was won by Maam Hussain who beat Soni of Patti. Other bouts: Amir Khan of J&K Police defeated Bablu of Basantgarh, Ranjit Singh of J&K Police defeated Anyant of BSF of Manwal, Chai Singh beat Vivek of Delhi, Balwan Singh of Kalka Akhara

Reasi beat Ali of Pati, Dillar Khan of J&K Police beat Shakti. Members of Talwara Dangal Committee who helped for the conduct of Dangal included Jagdev Singh (President), Gain Chand (General Secretary), Kuldeep Raj, son of Suraj Kumar, Kuldeep Kumar, son of Om Dutt, Mohd. Iqbal, Mohd. Rafiq, Sita Ram, Mohd. Muneer, Baldev Singh, son of Beli Ram, Baldev Singh, son of Kartar Chand, Prabh Dayal and Mohd. Iqbal (Shera). The bouts were officiated by Deepak Wazir, Kartar Singh, Raj Singh, Mohd. Rafiq, Anil Kumar, Harbans Lal and Murli Dhar (Munna). Shiv Kumar Sharma, who is also President Kreedha Bharti Jammu and Kashmir, appealed to youths to adopt sports as part of life.

Prize Distribution ceremony held at GGHSS Nowabad



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JAMMU: Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHSS) Nowabad on Monday organized a prize distribution function to honour academic excellence, under the guidance of the Principal, Dr. Kartar Chand Sharma. The event celebrated the remarkable achievements of students from Classes 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th, who excelled

in the Annual Examination 2025. Trophies and Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to the meritorious students in recognition of their dedication, hard work, and academic brilliance by the Principal Dr Kartar Chand Sharma, Vice Principal Jyoti Kumari and the staff members. Adding to the spirit of the occasion, Dr. Kartar Chand Sharma delivered a

powerful motivational address, encouraging students to pursue excellence with sincerity and confidence. His words of wisdom left a lasting impact on all present, especially the young achievers. The ceremony concluded with a note of congratulations to all the awardees, and a renewed commitment by the school to nurture talent and strive for academic distinction.

As per the reports reaching here, Ravi Raj Singh has been made treasurer. Election of other office bearers also took place in the presence of observers from Hockey India, J&K Sports Council (JKSC) and under the supervision of returning officer, Deputy Legal Remembrancer, Musbat Ismail. Hockey India observer, Sekar J Manmohan congratulated the new team of Hockey J&K and assured

Hockey J&K elects new body

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JAMMU: Gurdeep Singh has been elected president and Dr. Taran Singh general secretary of the Hockey J&K in an election meeting which held at Srinagar.

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Hockey J&K office bearers during a meeting at Jammu on Monday.

them all possible support to promote hockey in J&K. Earlier, returning officer, briefed the gathering about the new elected body of Hockey J&K and wished the team success. The elected office bearers included Gurdeep Singh (president), Jameel

Mustafa, Sanjeev Kumar (all senior vice president), Manjeet Singh, Manbeer Kour, Amarjeet Singh Nangyal, Jasvinder Kour (all vice president), Dr Taran Singh (general secretary), Tejinder Singh (secretary), Raja Fazal Abbass, Shaista Shafi (both joint

secretary), Raviraj Singh (treasurer), Baljeet Kour, Ranbir Singh (both resident secretary), Binod Singh, Shelav Sharma, Sandeep Malgotra, Rinkal, Sheikh Tanveer Ul Haq, Robin Singh and Magandeep Sudan (all executive members).

Shrine Board's archer to represent India at World University Games, Germany-2025

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KATRA: Under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, JK-UT, Manoj Sinha, the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) is dedicated to fostering the growth and development of the region's youth. To realize this vision, the Shrine Board has established a world-class Sports Complex at Katra as a Centre of Excellence, wherein athletes are being trained to reach their full potential and contribute to the region's sports development and overall well-being.



He has been training at the Complex since September-2020 and showcased his potential by winning accolades in the Khelo India University Games, 36th / 38th National Games, 19th NTPC Senior National Championship, North zone Inter university Championship, J&K UT Archery Championship and 2nd NTPC National Ranking Archery Tournament making him a promising prospect for future sporting excellence. Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB

said that the sponsorship highlights the Board's dedication to fostering young talent and enabling athletes in the Sports Complex to shine globally. He underscored that by offering vital support, the Shrine Board seeks to facilitate sporting aspirations for bringing accolades to both the region and the nation. He highlighted the Board's sustained investment of Rs.2.5-3 crore annually over the past 9-10 years in developing world-class sports infra-

structure and nurturing talented athletes at the SMVD Sports Complex. He cited the remarkable success of Rakesh Kumar and Sheetal Devi, two world-class archers trained at the Complex, who have made a significant global impact and were honored with the prestigious Arjuna Awards for their outstanding achievements. CEO also congratulated three para-archers from the Sports Complex - Rakesh Kumar, Sheetal Devi and Jyoti Balyan who made the nation proud by winning four

medals, including two gold and two bronze, at the recently concluded Para Archery World Ranking Tournament held in Rome. Their impressive performance contributed significantly to India's overall tally of eight medals in the tournament wherein, Rakesh won double Gold and Sheetal Devi won bronze along with Jyoti. Notably, the SMVD Sports Complex is currently nurturing the talents of over 150 aspiring athletes across various sports disciplines, who have been consistently delivering promising results in national and international competitions. The SMVDSB Archery Academy, part of the Complex, has earned the prestigious accreditation under the Khelo India program by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, in recognition of its excellence in promoting sports development and nurturing young talent.

JKSC Secretary Nuzhat Gul visits LJK Store, commends Cooperative Model

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JAMMU: Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir State Sports Council (JKSSC), recently visited the LJK Store located at Karan Nagar, Jammu. The store is an initiative of LJK Multipurpose Cooperative Limited, aimed at empowering local farmers, artisans, and self-help groups by providing them direct access to markets and a platform to showcase their products. During the visit, Nuzhat Gul was given a guided tour of LJK Store by Ramansh Billawria, Sector Associate, Cooperative Sector (LEAD). The tour showcased a diverse range of GI-tagged products and locally sourced items, including Solai Honey, Bhaderwahi Rajmash, Pashmina Shawls, Saffron (Kesar), Basholi Paintings, and various other traditional and indigenous products that



JKSC Secretary Nuzhat Gul visiting LJK Store in Jammu.

reflect the rich cultural and agricultural heritage of the region. She appreciated the concept and commended the efforts of LJK Multipurpose Cooperative in promoting grassroots entrepreneurship and strengthening the cooperative ecosystem in the region. She expressed strong support for the LJK Store's mission and emphasized the importance of such cooperative platforms in driving

inclusive development across Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. The visit was also graced by dignitaries associated with the LEAD initiative, including Rajesh Gupta, (Board Member, LEAD), Suneel Mahajan (Coordinator, Handloom & Handicraft Sector), Deepali Handa (Co-Coordinator, Handloom & Handicraft Sector), Vishal Abrol (Coordinator, Real Estate Sector) and members of LEAD.